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Re:

U.S. Patent Application by Hideki Kuwajima and Kaoru Matsuoka for

HEAD SUPPORT MECHANISM AND THIN FILM PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR

Application No.: 09/774,347; Filed: January 31, 2001

Our Ref.: YAO-4337US

Dear Examiner Letscher:

Further to our telephone conversation, attached are courtesy copies of the six Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements which we filed on Friday, May 28, 2004 with respect to the following applications:

Atty Docket No.	Application No.
YAO-4337US	09/774,347
YAO-4337US1	10/391,333
YAO-4337US2	10/704,739
YAO-4337U53	10/705,004
YAO-4337US4	10/705,325
YAO-4337US5	10/705,131

If time permits, we may want to discuss these Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements at our interview on Tuesday, June 2, 2004.

Best regards,

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Enclosures:

(6) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (as filed)

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Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

References JP3-097174 and JP6-150596 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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